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1. AMBASSADOR SHERER OF USUN MET OCTOBER 16 WITH KUWAIT PERMREP AMBASSADOR BISHARA TO DISCUSS KOREA ISSUE, ITS IMPORTANCE TO US AND KUWAIT'S POSITION. BISHARA SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS BUT THAT KUWAIT WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW LAST YEAR'S PATTERN OF VOTING IN FAVOR OF "NON-ALIGNED" (HOSTILE) RESOLUTION. AS A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, KUWAIT CONSIDERED IT HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT THE POSITIONS OF THE GROUP ON SUCH ISSUES AS KOREA.

2. BISHARA ASKED WHY WE HAD PROBLEMS ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. IT CALLED FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND, WITHDRAWAL  
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OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE UN FLAG, AND FOR A

PEACE AGREEMENT. THESE WERE REASONABLE DEMANDS.

3. SHEARE POINTED OUT THAT THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION HAD TO BE READ IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LETTER THAT INTRODUCED IT, THE ACCOMPANYING ANNEXES AND THE POLICY STATEMENTS OF THE NORTH KOREANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. WE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH DISSOLVING THE UN COMMAND PROVIDED THE ARMISTICE WAS MAINTAINED. SIMPLY CALLOING FOR A PEACE TREATY, WHICH WOULD TAKE YEARS TO WORK OUT, WAS NOT AN ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT FOR THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. ON THE TROOP QUESTION, THE STATED POLICY OF NORTH KOREA WAS THE REMOVAL OF ALL US FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA. WE VIEWED THEIR PRESENCE AS A BILATERAL US-ROK MATTER IN WHICH SOUTH KOREA HAD FULL SOVEREIGNTY TO DECIDE. IN ADDITION, THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WAS AIMED AT EXCLUDING SOUTH KOREA FROM THE PROCESS OF NEOGTIATIONS. SHERER STRESSED THAT GIVEN THE CONTEXT OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND THE OBVIOUS INTENTIONS OF NORTH KOREA AND THE CO-SPONSORS, THAT COUNTRIES VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION WERE STRIKING AT A VITAL US SECURITY INTEREST. WE FAILED TO SEE WHY A FRIENDLY COUNTRY LIKE KUWAIT WANTED TO ASSUME SUCH A POSITION ON AN ISSUE OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE TO KUWAIT'S INTEREST.

4. IN RESPONSE TO THIS POINT, AND IN FACT THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE CONVERSATION, BISHARA ENGAGED IN A RAPID FIRE CRITICISM OF US POLICIES TOWARDS THE ARAB COUNTRIES. HE CITED IN SOME DETAIL THE ALLEGED US ATTEMPTS TO "MUZZLE" THE ARABS IN THE UN'S THIRD COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 15 BY SEEKING TO BLOCK, ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, AND ARAB SPONSORED RESOLUTION WHICH DETERMINED ZIONISM WAS A FORM OF RACISM. BISHARA SAID US ACTIONS IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE WOULD AFFECT ARAB ATTITUDES ON KOREA.

5. COMMENT: SHERER ALSO RAISED ISSUE OF POSSIBLE KUWAIT SUPPORT ON MAINTAINING VOTING PRIORITY FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, BUT AS IS CLEAR FROM THE WAY THE DISCUSSION WENT, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE. WE ALSO FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A SKILLED OPERATOR LIKE BISHARA IS NOT REALLY AWARE OF THE HARD DESIGNE BEHIND THE RELATIVELY BLAND LANGUAGE

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OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN KUWAIT, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO STRESS POINTS MADE IN PARA 3.

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